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TO ALL AMERICAN REPUBLIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SANTIAGO DATED SEPTEMBER 9,  
1977 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC, USIA WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU:  
QUOTE

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USIA FOR IOS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: BOMB FOUND AT SANTIAGO BINATIONAL CENTER (BNC)

1. AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLED THE BNC AT 1:45 P.M.  
TODAY AND ADVISED THE RECEPTIONIST THAT A BOMB HAD  
BEEN PLACED IN THE BNC EITHER ON THE TERRACE OR IN  
THE CAFETERIA WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER. THE  
CALLER ALSO STATED THAT THE QUOTE POPULAR RESISTANCE  
WOULD TRIUMPH UNQUOTE (LA RESISTENCIA POPULAR  
VENCERIA)), AND IF SHE (THE RECEPTIONIST) DID NOT  
TAKE ACTION AND SOMETHING HAPPENED SHE WOULD BE  
RESPONSIBLE.

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2. THE CAFETERIA AREA WAS IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED AND  
EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND LOCAL POLICE SEARCHED THE  
ENTIRE CENTER. AN UNIDENTIFIED CYLINDRICAL OBJECT  
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT INCHES LONG AND THREE INCHES IN  
DIAMETER WAS DISCOVERED ON THE TERRACE. IT WAS WRAPPED  
IN LIGHT YELLOW PAPER AND TIGHTLY BOUND WITH SCOTCH

TAPE. THE LOCAL BOMB SQUAD EXAMINED THE OBJECT AND DETERMINED IT CONTAINED METAL. THEY THEN WRAPPED THE OBJECT IN A BOMB BLANKET AND REMOVED IT FROM THE PREMISES. THE BNC RESUMED ITS NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 3:00 P.M.

3. THE CARABINEROS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE OBJECT REMOVED FROM THE BNC WAS IN FACT A BOMB CONSISTING OF A SEIKO WRISTWATCH, 1.5 VOLT DRY BATTERY, TWO DETONATORS AND 250 GRAMS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE INSIDE A PLASTIC TALCUM POWER CONTAINER. THE BOMB WAS SET TO GO OFF AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00.

4. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BOMB THREATS IN THE PAST, THE MOST RECENT ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO, BUT PREVIOUS SEARCHES HAVE NOT TURNED UP EVEN A BOMB FACSIMILE. THE RESISTENCIA POPULAR IS AN EXTREME LEFT ORGANIZATION WHICH UNTIL NOW, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS LIMITED ITS ACTIVITIES TO CIRCULATING ANTI-GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS.

NELSON UNQUOTE VANCE

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